

## PROF. GUILMANT WAS SURPRISED

Noted French Composer  
Heard Ragtime.

"WHAT IS IT?" HE INQUIRED

When Told He Frowned and Declared  
That There Was No Rhyme or Reason  
in the Melody.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 21.—Alexander Guilmant, noted French organist and composer, who is in St. Louis to give a number of recitals on the great organ at the World's Fair, likes America and Americans, but frowns on American rag-time music. He has given rag-time one hearing, and that is enough, he says. After a life-work of sixty years devoted to music, he says he had yet to hear rag-time when he landed in New York last week. Then the experience thrust itself upon him without warning.

It happened Saturday evening in a New York cafe. With his pupil and companion, Prof. William C. Carl, of New York, Prof. Guilmant went into the cafe for dinner. Their repast had just begun when suddenly the orchestra swung into "I've Got a Feeling for You." For a moment the great virtuoso was surprised, and then his expression deepened into a puzzled look. He paused with uplifted spoon over his consommé. "What is it?" he asked Mr. Carl.

Mr. Carl said it was rag-time. Prof. Guilmant speaks but little English, and he didn't understand. As music, the ditty was incomprehensible to him, and rag-time was a new word. He demanded an explanation, and Mr. Carl had to illustrate the rag-time motif by beating out the measure on the table with his hands. Mr. Carl yesterday declined to state what were the professor's comments at the time, so the question was put directly to M. Guilmant as to what he thought of rag-time. Prof. Guilmant frowned almost audibly, and shook his head in a doubtful fashion. Mr. Carl translated his reply as: "It is music without rhyme or reason."

Prof. Guilmant and Prof. Carl are guests of Prof. Charles Galloway, the official organist of the exposition, at his home, 1232 North Taylor Avenue. Prof. Guilmant's recital in Festival Hall will begin September 22, and last for six weeks. He will give a concert each morning at 11 o'clock during the period and his repertoire will include the widest possible range of organ music, with a large number of his own compositions. Prof. Carl will give recitals on Friday and Saturday in Festival Hall.

Musicians everywhere concede that Prof. Guilmant is the greatest living organist. He is sixty-seven years old and has been playing since he was ten years old. For thirty years he was organist of the Church of the Holy Trinity, in Paris, and there laid the foundation for his achievements. At present he is professor of the organ in the French Conservatory, organist at the Trocadero, and organist of the Schola Cantorum, the three highest honors which can fall to an organist in France. Not long ago he concluded a series of recitals at the Trocadero, where he played weekly for three years without repeating a single composition.

## FOUND A FORTUNE; HID IT IN ASH HEAP

Negro Showed \$5,000 Note—Cash Lost  
in a Street Car Recovered.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Sept. 21.—T. S. Hill, Kansas City manager of the Southwestern Mercantile Company's retail store at Coalinga, N. M., reported to the police that he lost a package Sunday evening on a Fifth Street car containing \$5,000.

Detectives were assigned to the case by Inspector Halpin, and arrested Ben Vaughan, a negro living in the rear of 1615 Washington Street, and a negro woman, Cora Fields, on suspicion of knowing something about the money.

The money consisted of two \$1,000 notes, a \$500 note, and a draft for \$4,750. Vaughan admitted finding the money on the car.

The money was later dug up by a detective in an ash heap in an alley in the rear of the Washington Street house, where Vaughan had buried it. In his excitement after his arrest Vaughan could not remember where he hid the money, and supposed that another negro had seen him bury it and had taken it.

Vaughan said he threw away the draft. Vaughan displayed a \$1,000 note and a \$500 note in a saloon. This led to his arrest.

## ROCKVILLE NEWS ITEMS.

ROCKVILLE, Md., Sept. 21.—Mrs. Mary M. Maus, wife of Isaac R. Maus, of this town, is dead at her home here, aged about seventy-five years. Mrs. Maus had been in bad health for a number of years past. She leaves surviving, her husband, who is eighty-one years of age, and the following children: Dr. Lewis Merwin Maus, a physician of the United States Army, and now posted in the Philippines; Major Marion Perry Maus, of the United States Army; Mrs. Mary E. Spencer, and Miss Zillah Adele Maus, of this place, and Oliver S. Maus, now of Washington.

Marriage licenses were issued here yesterday to the following persons:

Allan Campbell Wood, 24 years, of Philadelphia, Pa., and Miss Cora Ruth Dexter, 21 years, of Takoma Park, this county; R. Thomas West, 22 years, of Laytonville, and Miss E. M. Henderson, 27 years, of Sandy Spring, this county; William Edward Birfield, 23 years, of Linden, and Miss Cecile Shaffer Parsons, 21 years, of Capitol View, this county.

Thomas Creamer, a negro, who has been held in jail here to await the action of the November term of the grand jury, upon a charge of selling the intoxicating liquor, took "French leave" of the jail about 6 o'clock Monday evening.

It appears that as the jailer opened the iron grating door, leading from the front hall to the corridor, Creamer, who was standing just inside, grabbed the keeper as he came in, threw him aside, and escaped through the opening into the front hall, and thence to liberty before he could be stopped. His home is in Washington.

Frank Matthews, through his attorney, Walter A. Johnston, has filed suit in this court for a divorce a vinculo matrimonii from his wife, Mary J. Matthews, alleging desertion.

Also, Edward Lomax, through his attorney, E. W. F. Waters, has filed suit here asking for divorce from his wife, Mary Lomax, charging desertion.

## BOOK-TAUGHT BILKINS STUDIES HOUSE PAINTING



Let-me-see-mix the white lead with linseed oil, add turps for dryer. Ah! It's a pleasure to paint your own house.



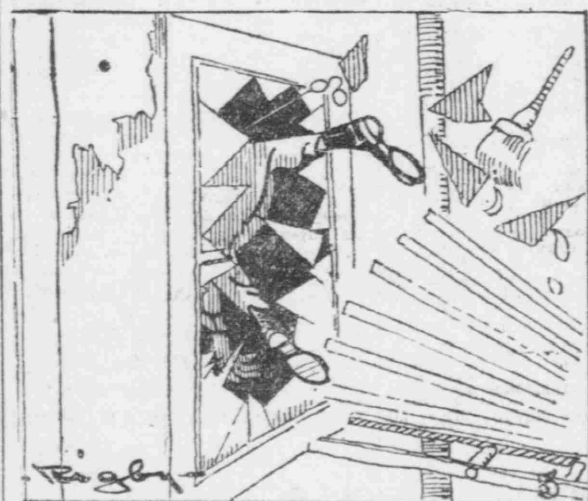
I'll teach these four-dollar-a-day painters a few things about their own trade.



I believe that ladder is a little shaky at its base. Let's see what the book says about slippage.



Great Caesar! There it goes—



—through my French plate window, too.



I can't find anything in this book about safety ladders.

## BRAND-NEW SPECIES OF RAILROAD THIEF

Enters Cars as Passengers Leave and  
Helps Himself to Articles Left  
Behind by Them.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Sept. 21.—A new wrinkle, so new, in fact, that the railroad police are just commencing an investigation, is reported as being worked by crooks on many of the New York Central accommodation trains entering Rochester station.

The booty gained by the thieves ranges in value from an umbrella or article of wearing apparel to a piece of jewelry or a pocketbook.

The method by which these are obtained is a matter of comment by employees and other station attendants. Not only is the scheme believed to be highly profitable to the thieves, but it is thought to be the work of a regularly organized gang, which, though comparatively small in numbers, works by a carefully perfected system.

## Hazardous Undertaking.

The collecting of the various articles left in a car by passengers in a manner so as to avoid detection is a matter hazardous in the extreme, but the methods employed by this gang are such as to minimize the possibilities of capture. The system, as figured out by an employee at the Central station, takes but one man in a train. This man takes his seat in the last car of the train, getting on at a station a few miles from the city.

When the train pulls into the Rochester station he is among the last to leave his seat. But when he does leave he makes up for his tardiness by passing right through every car on the train from rear to front, picking up en route everything left in the seats by the hurrying passengers.

## Takes Best Articles.

He does not load himself down sufficiently to be suspected, leaving often articles which, if he were to carry in addition to what he already had, might excite suspicion.

As the inspector who boards each train on its arrival in the station works down from the forward end, the crook has a clear way through the cars and it is a hard matter to detect him in the crowd. The following day another will take his place, and so on, making detection almost impossible. The reward of the thief is in the main fairly remunerative.

## Blood is Worthless UNLESS CIRCULATED.

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Dr. Agnew's Ointment Cures piles in one to three days. 35c.

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## APOSTATES TO DOWIE DESERTING ZION CITY

Fancy Robes and White Socks Included  
in Apostolic Idea Displease Thirty Disciples.

WAUKEGAN, Ill., Sept. 21.—About thirty former disciples of John Alexander Dowie refuse to approve the prophet's fancy new robes and white socks, and are going back home in anger.

Most of them left Zion City Monday night and yesterday morning, after Dowie and his chief lieutenants had gone to Ben MacDuhil to rest after the fatiguing duties of assuming an apostleship.

The apostates, as Dowie calls them, are mostly Oregonians, leaving for Seattle and Portland. A few are Californians, and some will sail for Australia. There are still others discontented in the Zion camp.

## STAKED LIFE AT CARDS; LOST AND DRANK ACID

Man Kept Agreement With Woman  
Opponent and Killed  
Himself.

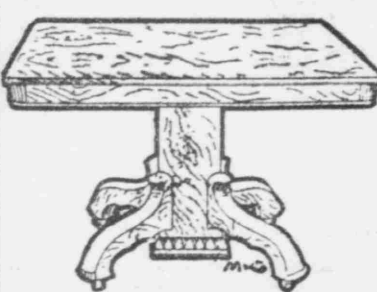
SEDALIA, Mo., Sept. 21.—Charles E. Bliss, alias Barlow, a painter, supposed to be from Peru Ind., committed suicide with carbolic acid while despondent.

Early Monday evening he played a game of cards with a woman, the stake being his life against hers, as was testified at the inquest. Bliss lost, and an hour later swallowed the drug while in the rear of a saloon drinking with a companion.

The father of the dead man is a minister of the Seventh-Day Adventist denomination, and resides at Peru, Ind.

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\$3.45



Selected Oak Sideboard, large mirror, brass trimmings, lined silver drawer, French plate glass, well made and finished. Regularly \$16.00. Special—

\$9.45

A large, all quartered oak Sideboard, full swell front, lined silver drawer, large cupboard and linen drawer, extra large French plate mirror, finely made and highly polished. Worth \$45.00. Special—

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# THE TIMES' \$2,500 ELECTION CONTEST

What Will Be the Combined Popular Vote for the Republican and Democratic Candidates for President in November?

One Thousand Dollars in Gold awarded to the contestant sending in the closest estimate.

THIRTEENTH PRIZE "BULLY" THE ENGLISH BULL TERRIER MASCOT

Easy Money  
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Thirty-Nine  
Cash Prizes

## THE PRIZES

For the Nearest Correct Estimates:

First Prize, \$1,000 in Gold

Thirteenth Prize, "Bully," an English Bull Terrier,

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Second Prize.....	\$500.00	Eighth to Tenth Prizes, each.....	\$50.00
Third Prize.....	200.00	Eleventh to Fourteenth Prizes, each.....	20.00
Fourth and Fifth Prizes, each.....	100.00	Fifteenth to Nineteenth Prizes, each.....	10.00
Sixth Prize.....	50.00	Twentieth to Thirty-first Prizes, each.....	5.00
Seventh Prize.....	25.00	Thirty-second to Fortieth Prizes, each.....	2.50

## Special Prizes.

A Special Prize, as detailed below, will be awarded to the winner of the First Prize of \$1,000 in accordance with the time his estimate was filed at The Times office.

Received between	Prize
May 1 and June 1.....	\$100.00
June 1 and July 1.....	\$50.00
July 1 and August 1.....	\$25.00
August 1 and September 1.....	\$10.00
September 1 to October 1.....	\$5.00

## How to Win \$1,000

How many votes will be cast for the Republican and Democratic candidates for President in November next? To those who can answer this question the nearest correctly The Times will give \$2,500 in cash, divided into forty prizes as enumerated in the accompanying list of awards. In addition to the prizes for the nearest correct estimates a special prize is offered for submitting the best estimate early, its value depending upon the month such estimate is received. Should it be found that the best estimate was received in May, the winner of the first prize will receive \$1,000; in June, \$1,080; in July, \$1,160, and so on until November, when there will be no special prize in addition to the first prize of \$1,000.

This contest also has its mascot, an English Bull Terrier, "Bully," which will be awarded to the contestant sending in the thirteenth nearest correct estimate.

Estimates are to be made on the combined popular vote of the candidates of the Democratic and Republican parties only. To assure contestants with their estimates The Times gives the popular vote for the candidates of the two leading parties in the last six elections. To make these statistics interesting The Times has given the vote of each candidate separately before totaling the two, but in submitting estimates contestants must give only what in their judgment will be the total, or combined, vote for both candidates. The first prize of \$1,000 will be awarded for the nearest correct estimate; the second prize for the next nearest, and so on. All estimates must be submitted on the blanks provided in this advertisement or special blanks which The Times will furnish on request. All estimates must be written with ink, and without erasure of any kind. If it is necessary to make any alteration in an estimate use another blank.

A positive guarantee is given that this contest is not associated with any syndicate offering prizes through a large number of papers or with any other paper. It is an independent contest, being conducted wholly by The Times and for the benefit of readers of The Times solely.

## Put Estimates in These Spaces:

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Pay \$2.00 at one time and submit five estimates.  
Pay \$3.00 at one time and submit eight estimates.  
Pay \$4.00 at one time and submit twelve estimates.  
Pay \$5.00 at one time and submit fifteen estimates.

All amounts paid by contestants into this contest will apply on subscription to The Evening or Sunday Times, or both. Residents of Washington city or out-of-town points, where The Times is served by newsboys or news agents, will be given subscription coupons in an amount equal to what they pay. These coupons are an acknowledgment of the receipt of the estimates and are to be paid the same as cash to boys or agents as they collect from time to time for papers served. When the paper is to be sent by mail the address label on the paper will be dated ahead in accordance with the amount paid, and this date will indicate that the money has been received and the estimate recorded. NO LESS THAN ONE DOLLAR OR TWO ESTIMATES WILL BE RECEIVED AT ONE TIME.

Contestants desiring certified copies of their estimates can have them if, when sending in their estimates, they will forward a duplicate blank filled out the same as the original and inclose a two-cent stamp for its return. Write "duplicate" across the face of the blank and inclose it with the original. The Times will certify to it and return it. These certified duplicates will only be returned when they are sent with the original blank. They must also be filed in with ink without erasure or alteration, and must be an exact copy of the original.

The contest will close on the night before the November election, and all estimates must be either left at The Times office before midnight that night or bear the post-mark of that date. The awards will be announced immediately after the official vote has been compiled and declared. Remember, estimates are to be made only on the combined Republican and Democratic vote independent of all votes cast for the candidates of miscellaneous parties.

## VOTE OF THE LAST SIX ELECTIONS.

1880—Garfield, 4,454,416; Hancock, 4,444,952; combined, 8,899,368.	1892—Cleveland, 5,554,467; Harrison, 5,175,287; combined, 10,729,754.
1884—Cleveland, 4,874,686; Blaine, 4,831,981; combined, 9,706,667.	1896—McKinley, 7,102,572; Bryan, 6,273,624; combined, 13,376,196.
1888—Harrison, 5,439,853; Cleveland, 5,540,309; combined, 10,980,162.	1900—McKinley, 7,219,101; Bryan, 6,377,064; combined, 13,596,165.

Total increase in population in United States past four years, based on increase as shown by census from 1899 to 1900, 6,962,880.

Increase in number of votes for four years (estimated), 1,016,516.

In case of a tie for any one prize, it will be divided.

Address Estimates and Letters to

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Tenth and D Streets, Washington, D. C.